



SERVICE 10:30 a.m.
Our services are broadcast live on our BUC Facebook page and posted on our website www.bucmi.org

November 5



05 “Remembering Into Life”
This Service is built upon the Christian Holy Day, All Souls’ Day. It is designed to honor those we have loved and/or who have been important to us who have died. During the service you will have a chance to come forward to light a candle for those you will remember. Rev. Patricia Shelden and Worship Associate Peggy Woehrlen. Music: the Chalice Choir.

26 “The Value of Waiting”
In a culture of Get It Now, waiting is not a popular activity. But the discipline of waiting is an important one in our spiritual growth, and a season of waiting is about to be upon us. Rev. Daniel Budd with Worship Associate Paul Vachon.

+ 11/19 “Beyond Categorical Thinking”

Guest speakers Jerry Carden and Kathleen Robbins join us from the UU Church of Urbana-Champaign, IL. How do we help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process and to promote inclusive thinking about the kind of minister our congregation decides to call? The service leaders will share how such thinking has affected their lives, and discuss how a church can avoid related pitfalls. There is a workshop following the service. Details on page four.

November 12 Intergenerational Bread Communion

Many UU congregations share a Bread Communion as a way to celebrate Thanksgiving. We are asking each household to bring bread, homemade if you can, that represents a family tradition, ethnic origin, or has some meaning to you. During this fun service everyone will have the chance to bring their bread forward and share its significance to them. Rev. Shelden & Rev. Budd with WA Teresa Honnold. Music: the Sound Messengers band.

Connections

“...Joy and
sorrow are
inseparable... together they
come and when one sits
alone with you... remember
the other is asleep upon
your bed.”

-- Khalil Gibran

“After two kidney transplants, my daughter Emily learned that her third kidney is also failing due to an autoimmune disorder and that she will need a third transplant.” – Larry Freedman

“After the ravaging effects of chemo and radiation this past year and the last several months in general, my dad slipped away on his terms early this morning (October 19). He made the decision to try treatment to buy a little more time and after giving literally all he had in strength, he also said no more in recent weeks when he could no longer walk unassisted. Clear minded and sense of humor intact, we held his hand as his body gave in. We knew this was coming, have prepared, have checked stories and laughed with him, still it's a gut punch. But for him, in charge until the end, not the way he wanted to go or when he planned to - he tried to take care of all details so we didn't have to. ‘Take it easy now’ Larry, we can pick up where you left off.” – BUC member Susie Sherman-Hall. Details about his memorial service will be forthcoming.

“JOY! Erika Hansinger and Kevin VanHouten celebrated 25 years of marriage in October.”

The Knitting Ministry at BUC



What does a knitting ministry do? We make shawls, lap robes and baby items to give to BUC members. We are also knitting scarves to be distributed to the homeless via a soup kitchen in Cass Park. To this end, we have assembled "project bags" which contain enough coordinating yarn for a scarf or other small project. A scarf takes about 200 yards of yarn.

Please feel free to take one of these "project bags" and make an item to be distributed. They are in a rolling bin in the hallway between the foyer and commons. It is the first one, right next to the magazine rack. There are even knitting needles and crochet hooks there too! Use whatever pattern you like. If you need help, contact Andie Stewart alamonts851@gmail.com.

We presently have only three active members, so we need your help with this outreach project. Thanks!

Alliance Meeting Wednesday November 15

Many of us are looking for some perspective in understanding the current events. Our speaker is Professor Bruce Zellers, Special Lecturer in the History Department of Oakland University. He will provide some insight into “Problem Presidencies” of the past, and their lasting effects. He will respond to questions from the group. He is also a member of the History and Social Science Faculty of the Greenhills School in Ann Arbor.

We’ll meet in the Pavilion at noon for a brown bag lunch. Alliance will provide coffee and cookies. All are welcome to join us - for lunch at noon, and the lecture at 1:00 p.m. also in the Pavilion.

Looking ahead, reserve December 5 for our annual Holiday Luncheon!

Humanists of BUC November 26

Rev. Daniel Budd will present his personal credo at the Humanist meeting at noon, ending around 1:00 ~ 1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided in the lower-level classroom, and Daniel has agreed to a Q and A session, following his talk. Our program is open to the entire congregation to hear one of our co-ministers talk about his beliefs and how they are important to him.

Living By Heart

This group meets on Monday evenings 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the classroom with the red door. In this group we explore our inner lives via reading and writing poetry, writing reflective memoir pieces, and doing some simple collage and line illustrations. The group is open to regular on going or irregular drop-in attendance. Please bring; a poem that you love, a journal, pen, simple art supplies (glue stick, scissors etc.) and a willingness to explore what it means to live “by heart”.

Facilitated by Penny Hackett-Evans

Grief Support Group: November 7 & 21

This group meets monthly on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 4:30 ~ 6:00 p.m. Currently meeting in the Sanctuary. All who are processing and experiencing grief at the loss of a loved one are welcome to come participate in this group. Any questions may be directed to facilitator, Alison Rule at (248) 320-1021.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

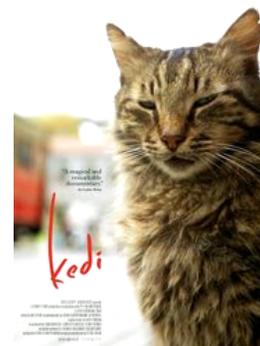
This group meets from 9:00 to 10:15 am in the smaller Green Door classroom. Each week we vote on a topic to discuss from those suggested by all of the attendees. Everyone is invited to come, join us, and be surprised at the topic the majority chooses!

Caregivers Support Group: November 13 & 27

This is a support group for those caring for a loved one with dementia. Being the sole caregiver can be an isolating, overwhelming, and challenging experience. We offer support for those doing the supporting! This meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 1:30 in the large conference room, (first room to your right when you come in the main entrance). To learn more, call Alison Rule at (248) 320-1021 or Camille Harris at (248) 320-9651.

Film Buffs: November 24 *Kedi*

7:00 PM in the Commons "Though some have referred to this enchanting and visually wondrous Turkish film as 'the ultimate cat video,' *Kedi* is not a documentary about house cats or the strays you see in your backyard. *Kedi*, rather, is a film about the hundreds of thousands of cats that have roamed through Istanbul freely for centuries, gliding in and out of people's lives, impacting them in ways only an animal that straddles the worlds of the wild and the tamed possibly can. In Turkish with English subtitles. (Turkey, 2016, NR, 79 minutes)" - DFT Film Guide Winter 2017



Settled Minister Search Committee Communiqué

Your Settled Minister Search Committee meets weekly. The committee Chairperson is Lisa Demian and the members are Marcia Mahood, Diane Slon, Ben Ensroth, Andrew Schreck, Amy Smalley, and Eric Sargent.

Thanks to the many members and friends who completed the Congregational Survey and participated in Focus Groups. With completion of the survey and focus group process, the Search Committee is working diligently to use the data to create the Congregational Record. This, in turn, becomes part of the packet that prospective ministers use to see if their interests, skills, and personalities will mesh with BUC.

Remember: to share your thoughts and concerns with the committee, feel free to approach a member of the committee or send an email (searchcommittee@bucmi.org).

Beyond Categorical Thinking: the Workshop

Will the new minister hear me? Will my concerns and needs be met? Will the minister understand what I'm living with? How will the community respond to our minister?

In answering these questions, a picture of the "ideal minister" (categorized by age, gender, gender identity, nationality, physical ability, race, and sexual orientation) comes to mind. With this picture in place, it can be easy to unintentionally exclude ministers who fall into other categories.



BUC will participate in the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop offered by the UUA for congregations involved in the search for a new minister. The Settled Minister Search Committee invites all congregational leaders, members and friends to participate in the workshop. Our two workshop leaders, Jerry Carden and Kathleen Robbins join us from their church in Champaign/Urbana, IL and themselves represent some of the diversity we seek. They will share their own powerful stories and help examine ways to be totally inclusive in our consideration of ministerial candidates.

The Beyond Categorical Thinking program is designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. This program includes a three-hour BCT workshop and a Sunday morning service with our 2 UUA trained facilitators. In the afternoon workshop, participants will:

- Consider the hopes, expectations and concerns they have for a new minister
- Learn more about the ministerial search process, and
- Explore how thinking categorically about people sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate

Sunday, November 19th from 11:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the large lower level classroom. Lunch will be provided for all participants. Childcare and children's lunch also provided. To Register: Please email:

SEARCHCOMMITTEE@BUCMI.ORG. Please indicate if childcare required, ages of children and any dietary issues for you (or your children).

The selection of a minister is important. The BCT workshop is another opportunity for everyone in our congregation to be a part of the process. This experience will provide guidance for the search committee in our work.

From Your Co-Ministers

It's only been two months and we are already planning for the Holidays. It has gone so fast and we have a feeling it will not be slowing down any time soon. Those of you who have shared your stories with us have honored us. We have also been impressed by how many of you share a deep commitment to this congregation. You truly love your church and it is wonderful to be a part of you, even for a short time.

Now that we have our bearings we are aware that we need to get our hours under control. As you know, we are sharing one full time position. We knew that in the beginning it would take a lot of our time doubled up in order to accommodate the steep learning curve. Now, it is time to move back toward the hours in our contract. The difference may look like meeting with one of us instead of two, or having one of us in the office more than both of us. Together with you we will keep the momentum moving to get you ready to call your new Settled Minister.



Opera Buffs: *The Exterminating Angel*

Live in HD from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera in New York:

Saturday, November 18, 12:55 p.m. *The Exterminating Angel* – Thomas Ades

Hailed by the *New York Times* at its 2016 Salzburg Festival premiere as “inventive and audacious ... a major event,” *The Exterminating Angel* is a surreal fantasy about a dinner party from which the guests can't escape. Tom Cairns, who wrote the libretto, directs the new production, and Adès conducts his own adventurous new opera.



BUC opera fans will meet at the Maple Theater – Maple Road near Telegraph. Tickets are available online or at the box office (\$24 - \$22 seniors). After the opera join us for a bite to eat and fellowship at a nearby restaurant.

Contact Larry Freedman – lawrenceman@sbcglobal.net 248-370-8227

Thanksgiving Day Potluck at BUC, November 23

Unsure what to do for Thanksgiving? Are you too busy to plan anything? Perhaps you simply don't feel like having people over this year, or traveling long distances. Come join us for a wonderful potluck dinner at BUC on Thanksgiving Day November 23rd. Sign up at church after service on the 5th, 12th and 19th to learn the specific time and place for the dinner, or contact Carol Winslow, lead coordinator at cwin@att.net. Carol provides the turkey and fixings [for a modest fee to defray costs] and everyone else fills in all the sides, bread, and beverages.

Carol is also seeking someone who would be willing to help coordinate the dinner with her. Sound like fun? Be sure to let her know you'd like to help out.

Rev. Patricia
Shelden &
Rev. Daniel
Budd





+ MAMA's Coffeehouse: Diamonds in the Rust

Saturday, November 18, 2017, 8:00 p.m. Admission \$15,
\$13 student/senior

It was inevitable – creative musical friends find other creative musical friends and can't resist creating music together. Annie & Rod Capps and Jan Krist & Jim Bizer (along with percussionist Alan Finkbeiner) have formed a new band. Each well known for their performing prowess, the new group promises to be that much more. Everyone sings, everyone plays multiple instruments, and the band boasts a trio of respected, award-winning songwriters. Best of all is the palpable joy and camaraderie that happens between good musicians who are also good friends. This band exists to share this connection with their audiences.

The Ukulele Kings will open the show.



Music at BUC

Fall into music with us! The BUC Chalice Choir presents John Rutter's Gloria on Sunday, December 10th as the service. The choir, along with soloists and a beautiful orchestra perform this timeless work of jubilation and hope. Many of our beloved BUC musicians, and other local pros join us in this orchestra. This is an incredibly moving work. Every week, the music at BUC is different. We soothe, challenge, excite and warm you through this art form. We hope it moves you.

Your Co-Directors of Music feel grateful and energized to be working with so many talented, passionate musicians. This includes our fine singing congregation (that's each of you). As things turn brisk for autumn, let's stay warm together in this journey at church. -Abha & Steven Dearing

Nov. 17 Dave Sharp World Quartet



Friday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. Ann Arbor bassist, composer, band leader and music educator Dave Sharp brings his masterful blend of Arab, Easter European, and world music to the SoundBites concert series at BUC. Appearing with Dave on bass are Mike List on percussion, Henrik Karapetyan on violin, and Igor Houwat on oud.

Enjoy wine, small bites, and great conversation with the musicians following the concert. Tickets \$20/adult; \$10/student with ID.

Purchase tickets in the Hodas Family Hall following service, or from this link to Eventbrite [HERE](#), or from our website bucmi.org>Worship & Music>SoundBites

Mitten Makers Workshop: Friday, November 17th

Green Sanctuary is sponsoring an afternoon and evening of fun and fellowship learning how to turn old wool sweaters into something beautiful and functional—crafty recycling at its very best.

We will have already felted sweaters for you to use, or if you have an old favorite that you'd like to transform, talk to us for felting instructions. We will have sewing machines on hand, but more machines would be welcome.

There is room for fifteen participants and you can sign up at the Green Sanctuary table on Sundays in the Hodas Family Hall. Join us from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Commons.

Questions? Contact Jane O'Neil at jane.oneil.gsm@gmail.com or (734) 216-9076 or Teresa Honnold at cspang@comcast.net or (248) 644-0314.



Green Sanctuary Ministry: Help Wanted

BUC is looking for that **special volunteer** who will help coordinate all the various needs of our landscape. Over time, various people have taken on various tasks, but there has not been someone overseeing the entire forest instead of the individual trees, who sees the big picture of our entire landscape. There are a variety of resources available to get things done, including some funding. We are looking for the 'person behind the curtain' to make it all work together.

The individual should be someone who is competent in the area of landscape design and maintenance, passionate about the environment and our 7th principle of respect for the interdependent web of existence, and has the creativity to manage the needs of the different parts of our landscape and the resources we have to fulfill those needs.

We expect the volunteer job would require 5-15 hours per week on average. For a complete position description, please contact Jane O'Neil. [Jane.oneil.gsm@gmail.com](mailto:jane.oneil.gsm@gmail.com).

FR~~E~~ ANNETTE

Our very own Annette Sargent has—for several years—been coming to BUC once a week to pick up our recyclables. She stops in every room to empty that room's bins, sorts the materials and drives them over to SOCRRA in Troy.

It's dirty work, but Annette believes in recycling, and feels it is important enough to take time out of her own life to do this to benefit the planet and all of us.

The Green Sanctuary Ministry thinks it's time to FREE ANNETTE. We have designed a beautiful canvas shopping bag that:

- Is re-usable, not 'disposable', helping to eradicate the pox of plastic shopping bags
- Will be beautiful and sanitary for decades with regular washing
- Can raise the funds to pay for a vendor to pick up most of our recyclables, freeing Annette for other activities!

So buy one, buy a few, or make a donation to the fund! But please help us Free Annette!

Stop at the Green Sanctuary Table after service or contact Jane O'Neil at jane.oneil.gsm@gmail.com for more information.

Service and Justice – November 2017

South Oakland Shelter November 5 - 12



Thank you to all who signed up to help with our SOS host week. Contact Paul Plante: pplante@twmi.rr.com or 734-464-1577 to check for any unassigned jobs yet to be tagged or to be listed as a backup for driving.

Adopt-A-Family

Generous BUC members can adopt a large or small family for Christmas. Families are from the Walt Whitman School in Pontiac, where many BUC folks tutor and volunteer. Sign up days are Sundays November 19th, November 26th, and December 3rd after services. **Gifts are due back at BUC on Sunday, December 17**, and will be delivered to the school on Monday, December 18. Questions? Contact Barbara Robinson (248) 320-8366 or Jane O'Neil (734) 216-9076.



Escalating Economic Inequality: Let's Talk!



Join us for a multi-media exploration of the events leading up to and through the 1967 Detroit uprising

Thursday, November 30

Reception 6:30 pm; Program 7:00

**Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church,
23925 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield**



Hosted by the Escalating Economic Inequality Task Force, a coalition of BUC and the UU congregations in Brighton, Detroit, Farmington, Grosse Pointe, Southfield, and Troy

'67 Detroit: The Myth of the Model City

presented by William Winkel, Detroit Historical Society

'67 Rebellion: A Memory Play

presented by The Extra Mile Playwrights Theatre, followed by a talk-back with playwrights and actors

Tickets: \$10 regular; \$25 sponsor; \$5 student. Complimentary tickets also available. www.tinyurl.com/67Detroit

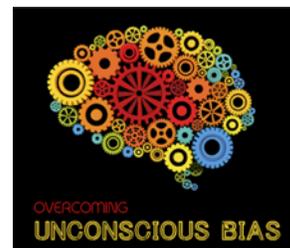
More information: Pat Hammer, Mary Jo Ebert, Marti Szilagyi, Peggy Bocks, John Richards

Issues & Ale November 3 at 6 pm

Engage in conversations about important issues in an informal atmosphere. Stop by, have a drink and some food, and join in the conversation. Friday, November 3rd starting at 6 pm at the M-Brew, 177 Vester Ave, Ferndale, MI 48220
Questions, or curiosities? Contact Director of Service and Social Justice Ben Gabel ben.gabel@bucmi.org

Design an Implicit Bias Workshop for UUs

November 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Green Door Classroom. Lisa Bower will present an implicit bias workshop typically used in a corporate setting. During this session, you will be invited to help co-develop and design a UU workshop on implicit bias for a UU faith community. Enroll for the workshop at tinyurl.com/ydygonw2 or email Ben Gabel ben.gabel@bucmi.org



November Plate Collection Recipient: BUC Emerging Needs

The November plate collection recipient is the BUC Emerging Needs Fund, which our ministers use at their discretion to aid members of our congregation who request help.

Board of Trustees Report to the Congregation

In our new church year, we are pleased with the worship initiatives of our co-ministers, Reverends Patricia and Daniel. Having two ordained ministers divide duties and responsibilities is a new experience for us, but the work they are doing is of a very high quality. Sunday words and music are successfully intertwined and we are hearing many statements of pleasure and satisfaction from congregants.

At our October meeting, we did a number of things. 1) Our treasurer, Claudia Kocher, announced that pledge and total income YTD were on budget. She also announced that a letter went out to all who made a five-year pledge to the capital campaign, asking individuals and couples to consider completing their campaign pledges early in light of the record-breaking stock market. We have had a number of positive responses to this request. 2) Kym Worth, Associate Executive, told us of some campus renovations that need adjustment and that steps are being taken to resolve outstanding problems.

When we were first discussing the executive function being put in the hands of our co-ministers, I suggested we wait till the October meeting to decide how the issue would be resolved. Since everything was going well, we resolved this in the September board meeting. The board named our ministers "Co-Executives." We also considered the work done by Kym Worth and designated her as "Associate Executive," giving the congregation three outstanding people full administrative responsibilities.

We are engaging the stewardship committee in early discussions about the spring annual pledge drive. We need to address some previously overlooked needs in staff compensation. This year, for example, we gave part-time staff pro-rated financial support for health care and we need to continue such a budget item for the future. In addition, we should, if at all possible as a result of the response to the pledge drive that will come up in late winter, be sure that staff members are being paid according to UUA recommendations.

Finally, we reviewed several principles surrounding policy governance as well as a document from the Pastoral Care Committee on a "Safety plan for Missing and Endangered Persons." (For information on these topics, please see me.)

Looking ahead to a year of vitality in service,

Ed Sharples, Board President

Religious Education 2017-2018



Children's Religious Education

program is looking for teachers for our wonderful K-1st class. No experience is necessary - we prepare the curriculum & materials and then prep you to teach the class. You can teach once a month or once a year at your convenience. Please contact Children's DRE Eleanor McGuire at eleanor.mcguire@bucmi.org for further information.

November's rotation explores the spiritual practices of Prayer and Meditation. People have been praying since the earliest times. They pray for guidance, comfort, forgiveness, and with gratitude. Many people also seek connection and peacefulness through the quiet openness of meditation.

Aspects of both of these traditions will be discussed, including the value of traditional liturgy vs. spontaneity. Many people find comfort in the familiarity of traditional prayers. Liturgical prayers also remind followers of their professed beliefs. However, others feel spontaneous openness often more fully captures the feelings of the moment and the inner seeking of the believer.



Youth Religious Education

Thank you to all the bakers, family members, and BUCers who cooked for, worked at, or dined and bid during our 38th annual Bakeoff. We earned over \$2,500 and served at least 114 lunches. Celebrity Chefs alone brought in over \$900. Thank you to all who baked, worked, bought, and ate at our 38th Bakeoff! The funds will be divided between our three youth programs; you're on your own for caloric repercussions!

The 6th & 7th grade Neighboring Faiths class will continue to study Hinduism with teachers Latika Mangrulkar and Michelle Chapman.

On November 5th UFO (6th & 7th grade youth group) will bake cookies for our SOS guests.

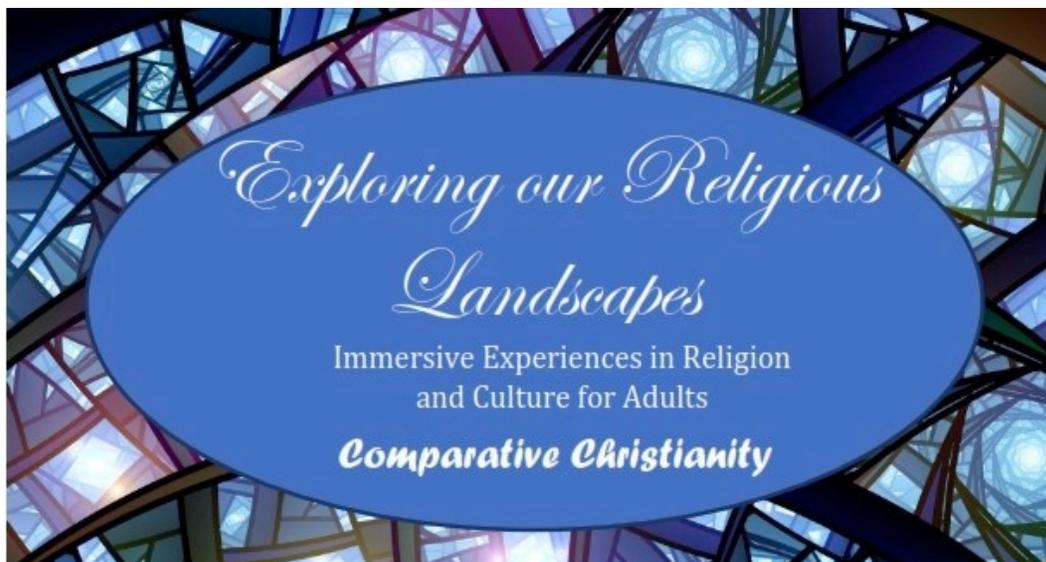
OWL (Our Whole Lives), which meets each week from 9:30 a.m. ~ 12:30 p.m. in the BUC Commons, will be looking at social media, bullying, and sexual behavior, including the danger of sexually transmitted infections. OWL teachers are Dave Graham, Kateri McMullen, Max Kort, and Kye Campbell-Fox.

High school youth are continuing to look at the concept of "disability" in a social justice context, specially designed for our program by BUCer and brain trauma physician Dr. Paola Seidel.



Great Unitarian Universalist Senior High (GUUSH) have been meeting periodically to plan fun and justice events for the church year.

If you are not receiving regular email updates about youth events, please send your contact information to Youth DRE Kimery Campbell at kimery.campbell@bucmi.org.



Exploring our Religious Landscapes

Birmingham Unitarian Church will host the last of four stops for the Exploring our Religious Landscapes Series on *Comparative Christianity*

Thursday, November 16th, 2017

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Register: www.detroitinterfaithcouncil.com

Cost: \$30.00 (Dinner included)

Looking Ahead:

Gingerbread House Construction Party

Saturday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. ~ 12 noon, at BUC <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUff6-9maBs>

Small Group Worship Training

Coming in January there will be a three-week session on Small Group Worship. Planning worship for a small group is very different than worship for Sunday morning. Small group worship can be used in committees, for special occasions, and to meet the needs of congregants that prefer a more intimate setting. Some small group worship is participatory and some is not. It comes in many different forms. The Rev. Patricia Shelden will be leading this training. Look for upcoming announcements for dates and times. Registration will be required.

And... We Have a DATE!

Saturday, March 10th, 2018: BUC'S Talent and Services Auction is coming!

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